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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Agency Participation in War Against Crime

1. We refer to your memorandum of 26 January 1968 on the above subject.

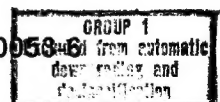
2. The Agency occasionally receives criminal information as a by-product of its intelligence operations abroad. For the most part, this information pertains to narcotics, counterfeiting, and smuggling, and is made available to the appropriate elements of the Treasury Department. Upon occasion items of interest to the FBI are received and passed on to them. Upon request we are always ready to assist these elements in developing such additional facts as we can. We are not in a position to know how such information relates to the larger picture of organized crime.

3. Our indices are always available to U. S. Law Enforcement Agencies for checking on criminal elements where it seems appropriate. It is our understanding that the Department of Justice checks in the neighborhood of 3,000 names a year with us via the Office of Security.

4. We are not familiar with any criminal listing put out by the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division. When necessary we obtain criminal records from the FBI on individuals of counterintelligence interest to us. By and large we have not felt the need of such a listing.

5. On 15 November 1967, members of DDP/Systems Group and CI Staff briefed Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, and six officers of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, on machine records. The emphasis was on the Clandestine Services General Information Collation System as a means of storing, collating, and retrieving information on organized crime. Mr. Vinson expressed appreciation for the "detailed and clear analysis and advice" which "helped us a good deal along the way to solving some of our most acute information needs."

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6. This Staff has taken no direct action with respect to the President's memorandum on organized crime. In regard to suggestions or comments on improving the Federal Government's fight against organized crime, we can only say that liberalization of the present curbs on wire tapping would appear to be essential.

7. If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.



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